



**Annual General Meeting
Monday 27th March 2023**

The Town Pavilion (Bingham Rugby Club), Brendon Grove, Bingham

ATTENDEES:

Fiona Burrows (District Commissioner), Tim Kirby (District Chair) John Green (GSL), Andrew Peters (AGSL), Ben Staniland (ASL Orion), Richard Cooper (Group Sec elect), Rob Hardisty (SA Orion), L Headland (Gemini parent), M de Ritter (Gemini parent), Kathryn Russell (SL Orion), Kiri Russell (Y/L & Polaris), Andrew Selby (Group Chair elect), Rob West (CSL Gemini), Ben Marson (ACSL Gemini), Paul Mason (AESL Polaris), Jeremy Green (ESL Polaris), Andrew Marshall (ACSL Gemini), Karen Allaway (CSL Pegasus), Elizabeth Markwick (Exec), John West (parent Gemini),

AGENDA

1. Welcome

Tim Kirby welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

Adrian Telford sent his apologies

3. What we've been doing and our plans

Beavers – Aquila

No one was present from the Beavers. However, the colony is well placed with good numbers. A new assistant leader is joining on the 28th March.

Cubs – Pegasus

Pegasus have recruited 2 new helpers who are fully engaged. A third individual is signed up to cover Karen Allaway whilst she's in hospital.

Cubs – Gemini

The pack has 24 on the books lead by 3 leaders, 2 young leaders, a regular parent helper & supported by a weekly parent rota.

During the last 12 months, 390 badges were awarded of which 10 were the Chief Scouts Silver award. Over the same period, 88 nights were spent under canvas. Young people attended on 747 occasions; young leaders attended 56 occasions & leaders on 90 occasions.



Scouts – Orion

The 37 strong unit is led by 5 leaders, 1 young leader & Rob.

There have been 10 camps over the last 12 months with 4 gold awards, 290 badges given & 3 YouShape awards completed.

A water activity weekend is planned as is an astronomy night at a local observatory

Explorers – Polaris

The unit is led by Jez Green; Paul has both stepped down from being the leader in charge, but remains in the section, Jinx has stepped down from being a leader. The Unit has been able to recruit a new leader.

Young people numbers are good (a few leaving, but others joining) & attendance is good. The young people have enjoyed a few camping nights, but these aren't as frequent as pre-Covid. Although, a great trip to South Wales was had.

Of the regular Friday evening sessions, orienteering, teamwork challenges, debating and problem solving have been enjoyed. The plan is to undertake more camping nights & award more badges.

General

There is a long waiting list across the whole age range. With the new leaders, this should cut the list.

Scouts is the greatest issue. There are too many young people! As it stands, there is little capacity for the present cubs to move to Scouts and many will have to be placed on the waiting list unless more Scout leaders can be found.

There is a chance of obtaining use through purchase (costing £1) of a church building in Upper Saxondale that would be used as a group headquarters. There are some elements (covenant, change of use, structural survey) that would need to be overcome.

If successful, this would provide a building for all levels of the scouting community to use & potentially be available to rent out to other clubs as a form of income.

4. Money

It was reported that over the last 12 months, incomings & outgoings have balanced, with a small overall surplus of £39.22. The money that comes in covers the various rent costs that are paid. However, the account is healthy with a balance of £10,181.26.

5. Our constitution - adoption of the rules (5.4, 5.5 and 5.6 of Policy, Organisation & Rules)

There was no opposition to the adoption of the constitution or adoption of the rules. For reference, these can be found at the following link...

[Chapter 5: Local Scouting governance and finance – Groups, Districts, Counties | Policy, Organisation and Rules | Scouts](#)

6. Appointments

Andrew Selby was nominated & approved as committee chairperson
Richard Cooper was elected unopposed as secretary of the committee and
Helen Wells was elected unopposed as Group Treasurer. Elizabeth Markwick agreed to continue as a member of the Executive Committee and her election was confirmed.

It was noted that we are still in need of more volunteers for the executive committee & all groups are to promote this with their parents.

[POST MEETING NOTE: John West volunteered to join the Executive Committee, his co-option will be formalised at the next meeting of the Executive.]

7. Close